

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

- Describe a moment when you felt pure joy.
- What was it that made that moment so special?

LEARN & APPLY

Read Luke 2:8-15

- What is the Joy the angels are expressing?
- What is the Joy the shepherds are feeling?
- Does this passage create joy in you? Why or why not?

Read Hebrews 12:1-3

- What does this passage reveal about God's joy?
- What is different about this picture of Joy than what we usually imagine?

Read John 17:24-26

- What is Jesus praying for?
- What do you think brings God joy?
- What does that tell you about God?

The verse 2, 3 of "What Child is This" in our Lutheran Book of Worship read: Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be born for me, for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh: the babe, the Son of Mary. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh! Come, peasant, King, to own him! The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Joy, Joy for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary.

- How would you describe the joy in this hymn?
- How are we called to respond?

PRAY

Pray for those today who need to feel the Joy of Jesus' gift this season.